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PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a single-count indictment charging Karl Ponds as a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1).¹ Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition. The indictment alleges that on May 22, 2008, Ponds possessed a 12 gauge sawed-off shotgun, loaded with three rounds of 12 gauge shotgun ammunition.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the Philadelphia Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms & Explosives (ATF), and other federal law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Defendant Ponds faces a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Karl Ponds	Philadelphia, PA.	50 years old

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and ATF and is being prosecuted by Eric B. Henson.

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